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18 November 1964
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Defensive Systems Division, OSI
ATTENTION: [REDACTED] Air Defense Branch 25X1A
THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, OCS
FROM: Chief, CIA/PID
SUBJECT: Search for Communication Facilities at Baku, Makhachkala, and Krasnovodsk, USSR
REFERENCES: (a) Requirement C-SI-4-81, 875
(b) CIA/PID Project C 1599-64
(c) FIR 1002-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 7 October 1964 which requests a search for new communications facilities operating in the Caspian Sea Area in the vicinity of Baku (40-23-00N 49-52-00E), Makhachkala (42-59-00N 47-31-00E), and Krasnovodsk (40-00-00N 53-00-00E).

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Baku was covered by good quality, non-stereoscope coverage on Mission [REDACTED] at which time no antenna arrays or large antenna (similar to Krasnovodsk) were observed within 20 nautical miles of the city.

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However, one possible electronic facility was observed four nautical miles east of the center of Baku at geographic coordinates 40-23-45N 49-47-15E.

This possible electronic facility is secured and contains one large building and at least three small structures. At approximately the center of the facility is a large probable antenna mast, the exact height of which cannot be determined due to lack of shadow detail.

Although no firm positive identification can be made of this installation at this time, there does exist a strong possibility that this may be the installation mentioned in CIA Information Report [REDACTED] dated 17 September 1963.

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Makhachkala was covered by poor quality photography on [REDACTED]
a 15 nautical mile search of the area failed to locate any communications
facilities.

25X1D Krasnovodsk was covered by fair to poor quality photography on Missions
[REDACTED] No apparent change was observed at the Krasnovodsk
tropospheric antenna station since TALENT photography. A 25 nautical mile
search of the area around Krasnovodsk failed to locate any additional antennas
or communications facilities.

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3. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] who may be contacted
on extension 2078 should you have any further questions concerning this project.

4. This project is considered to be complete.

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